

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2008, Claims 1-11 stand pending and rejected. Claims 1-2, 5, 7 and 11 are canceled. Claims 3, 6, and 8-10 are herein amended. Claims 3, 9 and 10 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 6 and 8 are amended to depend upon Claim 3. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification and in the originally filed claims, specifically Claim 3. No new matter has been added.

I. Claim Objections

A) Claim 1 is objected to for a typographical error. As Claim 1 has been canceled, Applicants respectfully submit that the objection is now moot.

B) Claims 3, 4, 9 and 10 are objected to for depending upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner acknowledges that said claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants have rewritten Claim 3 in independent form, including all the limitations of Claims 1 and 2. Applicants have likewise rewritten Claims 9 and 10 in independent form, including all the limitations of Claim 1. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 3, 4 (which depends upon Claim 3), 9 and 10 are thus in condition for allowance and that the objection to said claims has been rendered moot.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that Claims 3, 9 and 10, as herein rewritten in independent form, and dependent Claim 4 thereon, be placed into condition for allowance.

II. Claim Rejections

A) Claims 1, 2, 5, 7 and 11 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Barboza et al (US 5,468,397). Applicants respectfully submit that as Claims 1-2, 5, 7 and 11 are canceled, that this objection is now moot.

B) Claims 6 and 8 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Barboza et al (US 5,468,397). Applicants respectfully traverse and overcome this rejection.

Applicants respectfully note that Claims 6 and 8 have been amended to depend upon Claim 3. The Examiner has acknowledged that Claim 3, as rewritten in independent form, is allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 6 and 8, as herein amended, are likewise allowable.

Therefore Applicants respectfully submit that the 103(a) rejection to Claims 6 and 8 has been obviated and respectfully request that said rejection be withdrawn and Claims 6 and 8 be placed into condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that as the objections and rejections to the claims have been obviated and rendered moot by the rewritten and amended claims herein, that such claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore Applicants respectfully request Claims 3, 4, 6 and 8-10 be placed into condition for allowance.

No further fee is required in connection the filing of this Amendment. If any additional fees are deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

Respectfully submitted,

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